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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Attorney Docket No. 1054.025

In re application of: William B. Andrews, Fulong Zhang, and Harold Scholz

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Group Art Unit: 2819
Examiner: Daniel Chang
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For: Programmable I/O Interfaces for FPGAs and Other PLDs

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

The Notice of Allowability mailed on 03/31/05 contains an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. In that statement, the Examiner stated: "the best prior art of record ... does not teach or fairly suggest a programmable logic device comprising, among other things, ..." The Examiner then listed certain features recited in independent claims 1 and 15, certain features recited in independent claim 17, certain features recited in independent claim 20, and certain features recited in independent claim 21, where the word "and" was used to connect the items in the list. The Applicant submits that the Examiner should have used to word "or" to connect the items in the list. To that extent, the Applicant objects to the Statement.

Furthermore, with regard to the features cited by the Examiner for independent claims 1 and 15, the Examiner stated: "and similarly with claim 16." However, the features cited by the Examiner for independent claims 1 and 15 do not appear in independent claim 16. To that extent, the Applicant also objects to the Statement.

In general, to the extent that the Statement differs from the language of any of the independent claims, the Applicant rejects any narrowing or limitations that might possibly result from such differences.

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For each of these reasons individually and for all these reasons collectively, the Applicant objects to the Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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